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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to support the request made by the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/24401) to convene an urgent emergency meeting of the Security Council, with formal debate, to consider the grave situation in that country and to take appropriate measures as provided in Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter to restore peace and stability in the region.

The deteriorating situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the unprecedented atrocities committed by Serb nationalists with the support of foreign forces against the innocent Muslim people of this new Member of the Organization have made the imperative of a resolute stance and practical response by the Security Council even more evident. Measures taken to date by the Council have proven to be by far inadequate, since they have failed to address the root causes of the problem, namely the Serb nationalists' policy of "ethnic cleansing" coupled with interference and aggression by Serbia-Montenegro against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is entitled under Article 51 of the Charter to exercise its legitimate right of self-defence against foreign aggression.

The Islamic Republic of Iran renews the call made on the Security Council by the Organization of the Islamic Conference to take necessary measures under Article 42 of the Charter, without further delay, to put an end to the aggression and human suffering, restore peace and stability in this region and ensure respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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